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TWO-ROLL STRIP CASTING, AND INSTALLATION  
FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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In advance of the first office action, please amend the  
claims as follows: